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# News

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Dear Wisconsin Children's Safety Advocates:

In August, 2002, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a total of **two (2) recalls relating to products affecting children**. Attached is a summary of the releases identifying the product, problem and what should be done with the recalled product.

We have found that not all of the recalls are picked up by the news media as they occur. This monthly summary will give you the opportunity to review all of the children's product safety recalls for the past month.

If you are interested in a complete text of the recall, double click on the hyperlink at the end of the recall description. This will take you to the CPSC website and the actual recall notice. If you have other product safety questions you may call our toll free number at **(800) 422-7128 and then press "zero" (0) to speak with Product Safety**. You should leave your name, your organization's name and a phone number.

Following is a listing of the 2 "KIDS" recalls and safety advisories by title and identification number:

- ❖ Pottery Barn Kids is recalling Wooden Clacker and Ride-On Toys. #02-224
- ❖ Haro Bicycle Corp is recalling Bicycles. #02-240

We hope you find this service of value and that it assists you to:

## **"KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE!"**

# KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE

**Release Number:** 02-224 Pottery Barn Kids, of San Francisco, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 3,800 Star Clacker wooden toys and about 3,000 Ride-On Duck wooden riding toys. The clackers are made of three wooden star shapes, tied together, with the two outside stars painted red, white or blue. The center star and handle are made of natural wood. The toys measure about 6-inches long. The handle has a gold "Made in China" label and a white label reading, "Intended for Children over 6 months of Age." The Ride-On Duck is a yellow wooden duck-shaped toy with orange wheels and bill that measures 12-inches high by 20-inches long. It has a gold "Made in China" label on the bottom. Pottery Barn Kids stores nationwide sold the Star Clacker toys from April 2002 through July 2002 for about \$6. Pottery Barn Kids stores nationwide, catalogs and Internet site sold the Ride-On Duck toys from September 2001 through June 2002 for about \$49.

**Problem(s):** The Clacker - The wooden peg can come off of the Star Clacker toy and pose a choking hazard. The Star Clacker wooden toys, also does not comply with the Federal Hazardous Substance Act for design and construction of baby rattles, due to the handle length. The Ride-On Duck's wheel cap can break, allowing the wheel to come off and release small parts, also presenting a choking hazard to young children.

**What to do:** Consumers should take the recalled toys away from young children immediately and return the toys to the store where they were purchased for a refund or replacement toy. For additional information, contact Pottery Barn Kids at (866) 428-6467 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Saturday. Consumers can also visit the firm's web site at [www.potterybarnkids.com](http://www.potterybarnkids.com).



**Star Clacker**



**Ride-On Duck**

<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml02/02224.html>

**Release Number:** 02-240 Haro Bicycle Corp., of Vista, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 1,100 BMX freestyle bicycles. The recall includes the 2003 Haro BMX freestyle bicycles. The models involved are the F2 and the Backtrail XO. The model names are printed on the top and down tube of the F2, and on the top tube of the Backtrail XO. Independent bicycle shops nationwide sold these bicycles from May 2002 through August 2002 for between \$190 and \$200.

**Problem:** The length of the crank arm in the 2003 model fails to allow sufficient space between the rider's foot and the front wheel, when the front wheel is turned backwards. The rider's foot could come in contact with the front wheel, causing the rider to lose control, fall and possibly suffer serious injury.

**What to do:** Consumers should stop using the recalled bicycles immediately and contact Haro to learn where to take their bicycles to have the crankset replaced free of charge. For more information, consumers can contact Haro toll-free at (800) 289-4276 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday.



<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml02/02240.html>

If you would like to sign up for the Keep Your Kids Safe newsletter, please visit our webpage at <http://datcp.state.wi.us> or contact Michelle Reinen at (608) 224-4988 or [michelle.reinen@datcp.state.wi.us](mailto:michelle.reinen@datcp.state.wi.us). Please be sure to provide your name, telephone number and e-mail address.

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